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March 26, 2017
Fourth Sunday in Lent

March Memory Verse – Luke 1:37
“No word of God will ever fail.”

WORSHIP HOST 8:15 – Krista Brown 10:45 – Peggy Kooser

GATHERING & WELCOME

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Please pass the Peace of Christ to your neighbor.

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

MUSIC OF PREPARATION “Nothing But the Blood”

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

Simon Peter (Paul Kingston), Thomas (Tom Lehner)

***CALL TO WORSHIP No. 137 “Psalm 23”**

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

P: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

L: He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

P: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

L: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 381 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS No. 2233 “This Is Where Children Belong”

(Our Children’s Collection this morning will be used for One Great Hour of Sharing..

Please see the announcement for more details.)

ANTHEM 8:15 - “He Restores My Soul (Psalm 23)” – Kelly Smith

10:45 - “He Restores My Soul (Psalm 23)” – Chancel Choir

WORD OF GOD Ephesians 5:8-14

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Jesus Paid It All”

***LENTEN DOXOLOGY** (tune: “Old 100th)
Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise,
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God’s love in Christ into our hearts. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

***HYMN No. 2086** – “Open Our Eyes, Lord”

JOYS AND CONCERNS
For our joys we say: “Praise the Lord.”
For our concerns we say: “Lord, hear our prayers.”

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. AMEN

SERMON SCRIPTURE John 9:1-12

SERMON “Why Isn’t Important”

***HYMN OF PARTING No. 454** – “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING** “Introduction and Fughetta”

*The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit.
The altar rail is always open.*

*Those who are able, please stand.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday: 22 Sunday: 8:15 - 65 10:45 – 92

SERVING YOU TODAY

GREETERS: 8:15 - Mike, Anne, Charlie & Philip Osborn
10:45 – Bernie Johnston & Mary Reed

USHERS TEAMS: 8:15 – Men’s Group 10:45 – Lou Berta

SOUND TEAM: 8:15 – Fritz Runser, Jason Kirsch 10:45 – Penny Brant, Josh Burger

NURSERY: Our Nursery (birth through age 5) is open during the worship services. The attendents today are Kyle & Katrina Bryan. In the event that no attendents are present, parents are still welcome to use the nursery however they must stay with their children.

FUMC MEMBERSHIP: Want to be a member of our church? Please contact Pastor Bruce (724-747-6098) or the church office (724-963-6858.)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

The following opportunities for service will be on the clipboard today:

- 1) Assisting with the reception after Living Last Supper performance on April 11
- 2) Selling DVDs and other items at Living Last Supper performances April 11 and 13

The other Opportunities for Service are on a bulletin board in the narthex. Please be sure to check the board and volunteer.

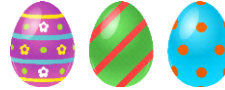
- 1) Decorating for Easter (Good Friday afternoon)
- 2) Coordinating and assisting the Graduate Recognition celebration on June 4.
- 3) Coffee hour assistant (through December)

LIVING LAST SUPPER PUBLICITY -Please remember to pick up some yard signs, posters and pocket posters in the entry hall today. Help us to spread the word of our outreach event.

NEW FLORIST FOR ALTAR FLOWERS: Starting April 2nd we have a new florist for altar flowers---Breitingers in White Oak. The cost will remain the same \$25.00. Please save the black vases and return to the office or set them outside the office door. (Our former florist, Gongaware & Parry, has retired and sold the property. We thank them for providing this service for us.) Hazuza's will continue to supply the Christmas, Easter and Mother's Day flowers. Please call Alice Hubert to order - 724-63-3901.

A Simple Truth:

...You Are Loved!



You are invited to hear the story of God’s great love for you, followed by our annual Egg Hunt on Palm Sun., Apr. 9th, 9:30-10:30 am, starting in the Elementary Dept. Remember the wonderful story of Holy Week/Easter & talk about Christian symbols. The egg hunt follows in the gym with terrific treasures that relate to the story. All ages welcome!

Teens/Preteens, we need your help hiding the eggs! Of course, you will receive treats for helping – just meet at 9:30 in the Elementary room to assist. (Tiny tots meet in Mrs. Weber’s toddler room across from the nursery for a mini-hunt.)

Friends are always welcome!

Kick off Holy Week by hearing the story of our Christian faith in one exciting session!

Hope to see you on April 9th!

A CALL FOR PRAYER WARRIORS! Pastor Bruce is organizing an *Army of Prayer Warriors*. His challenge is to enlist members of our congregation to commit to the daily task of praying for a particular list of people from our church family. You will be given a “Prayer Warrior’s Prayer Assignment Book” with guidelines for this program. Every 6 months you will receive a new list of prayer concerns and booklet. If you are interested in becoming one of FUMC’s Prayer Warriors please see Pastor Bruce or call the office. He will give you more information on the program.



NEW SMALL GROUP!
"Crazy Love" by Francis Chan
Led by Pastor Stephen

God is love. Crazy, relentless, all-powerful love. Have you ever wondered if we're missing it? Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Join us for this life changing video/book/Bible study. www.crazylovebook.com

When: 7:00 pm Thursday nights for 10 weeks starting on May 4th.

Where: Youth room

How to sign up: Email or call Stephen at 412-610-3289 pastormannion@gmail.com. The cost is \$20 (book and workbook). Amount can be paid at first meeting. Register by April 30th!

CONGREGATION AND FRIENDS. If you, or someone you know, have property – a car, jewelry, stocks, bonds, or other assets – and you would like to donate these items to our church, please contact Pastor Bruce Judy or the Finance Committee. We can make arrangements for a tax deductible transfer. For more information, or to see if your items are suitable, please contact Alan Painter at 724-446-0224.



Middle school and high school students: Don't forget youth group Wednesday nights at 7pm! We hope to see you there this week! You don't want to miss it.

The youth group needs adult volunteers! Especially women and a guitarist. We also need a location to hold a "beginning of summer relaunch event". Do you have a field, farm, or a country setting backyard? This event will include a bonfire and music. If you can help with this, please contact Stephen at pastormannion@gmail.com or at 412-610-3289

RACE FOR GRACE: The 10th Annual Race for Grace will be held on Saturday, April 8th. Join our team to run or walk and support a great cause. Discounted registration ended March 7th, but you can register and be guaranteed a t-shirt until April 3rd. Check out www.reflectionsofgrace.org for complete details and registration information. Our team name is "First United Methodist Church of Irwin". Any questions, please contact Anne Osborn at annegiannetti@gmail.com or 724-744-7278.

WORK TRIP ADULT MEMBERS NEEDING CLEARANCES: All adults or youth 18 years old and will be out of high school this year who want to go on the work trip need to have a child abuse clearance and a criminal record check. Forms are in the office on the desk or they can be obtained on line.

Act 34 - PA criminal clearance- <https://epatch.state.pa.us>

Requester: First United Methodist Church 310 Oak Street Irwin, PA 15642-3558
724-863-6858

Check church

Act 151 - PA child abuse clearance - <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS>

Check volunteer

WORK TRIP TEAM MEMBERS - LAY GRANT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: I do not know if monies are available from the conference for financial assistance in attending the work trip this year. All we can do is apply and see if there is some funding. Some years there has been money and other years there has not. I would like families with multiple people attending, youth, and any other individuals needing assistance in attending to consider filling out an application. Never should anyone not attend the work trip because of money. Our church family has been very generous in supporting our members and many have sponsored someone in the past.

The applications are on the desk in the church office. It will only take a few minutes to fill out the form. Place the completed form in our mail slot (second row, second from left). DO NOT HAVE THE FORM SIGNED BY PASTOR BRUCE - I will give him all the forms at one time. I would like the completed forms back to me by Easter, April 16th. I need to have them to conference that week to be considered for June.

Any questions - Pat Osterman

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